

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A commutator for an electric motor, the commutator comprising:
 - a body having opposing ends,
 - commutator bars attached to a periphery of the body, and
 - oil throw and recovery structure integral with the body and disposed at one of the ends of the body, the oil throw and recovery structure flaring outwardly from the one end of the body and defining a continuously curved, annular surface terminating in an annular tip,
 - the commutator being constructed and arranged to be mounted to a shaft with the oil throw and recovery structure being adjacent to a bearing, the oil throw and recovery structure being constructed and arranged to deflect oil, moving from the bearing and contacting the annular surface, in a direction away from the one end of the body with the annular tip directing the oil back to the bearing,
 - wherein the oil throw and recovery structure and the body are a single, molded component.
2. Canceled
3. (Original) The commutator of claim 1, wherein each commutator bar includes a hook at an end thereof.
4. (Original) The commutator of claim 1, wherein the annular surface has a diameter less than a diameter of the commutator.
5. (Original) The commutator of claim 1, with the body is of an electrically insulating material.
6. (Currently Amended) A DC motor including:

a shaft,
a bearing associated with an end of the shaft to permit rotation of the shaft,
a bearing retainer retaining the bearing with respect to an end of the motor,
brushes, and
a commutator coupled with the shaft for rotation therewith, the commutator comprising:
a body having opposing ends,
commutator bars attached to a periphery of the body so as to contact the brushes, and
oil throw and recovery structure integral with the body and disposed at one of the ends of the body, the oil throw and recovery structure flaring outwardly from the one end of the body and defining a continuously curved, annular surface terminating in an annular tip,
the bearing retainer defining a generally V-shaped channel defined by a pair of legs generally adjacent to the annular tip, with one leg being disposed at an angle with respect to an axis of the shaft and extending beyond the annular tip so that the annular tip is within bounds of the V-shaped channel and the other leg being disposed generally transverse with respect to the axis of the shaft, the oil throw and recovery structure being adjacent to the bearing so as to deflect oil, moving from the bearing and contacting the annular surface, in a direction away from the one end of the body, with the annular tip directing the oil to the V-shaped channel and back to the bearing,
wherein the oil throw and recovery structure and the body are a single, molded component.

7. Canceled

8. (Original) The motor of claim 6, wherein each commutator bar includes a hook

at an end thereof.

9. (Original) The motor of claim 6, wherein the annular surface has a diameter less than a diameter of the commutator.
10. (Original) The motor of claim 6, with the body is of an electrically insulating material.
11. (Currently Amended) A DC motor including:
 - a shaft,
 - a bearing associated with an end of the shaft to permit rotation of the shaft,
 - means for retaining the bearing with respect to an end of the motor,
 - brushes, and
 - a commutator coupled with the shaft for rotation therewith, the commutator comprising:
 - a body having opposing ends,
 - commutator bars attached to a periphery of the body so as to contact the brushes, and
 - means for throwing and recovering oil integral with the body and disposed at one of the ends of the body, the means for throwing and recovering oil flaring outwardly from the one end of the body and defining a continuously curved, annular surface terminating in an annular tip,
 - the means for retaining defining a generally V-shaped channel defined by a pair of legs, with one leg being disposed at an angle with respect to an axis of the shaft and extending beyond the annular tip so that the annular tip is within bounds of the V-shaped channel and the other leg being disposed generally transverse with respect to the axis of the shaft, generally adjacent to the annular tip, the means for throwing and recovering oil being adjacent to the bearing so as to deflect oil, moving from the bearing and contacting the annular surface, in a

direction away from the one end of the body, with the annular tip directing the oil to the V-shaped channel and back to the bearing,

wherein the oil throw and recovery structure and the body are a single, molded component.

12. Canceled
13. (Original) The motor of claim 11, wherein each commutator bar includes a hook at an end thereof.
14. (Original) The motor of claim 11, wherein the annular surface has a diameter less than a diameter of the commutator.
15. (Original) The motor of claim 11, with the body is of an electrically insulating material.